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January 2024

Happy 2024 New Year!!!!

As I sit on the sofa watching the snow fall outside my window, I'm so fortunate, I can stay inside and QUILT. I love living in Nebraska and having the change of Seasons. Our Christmas Party was a big hit. Big Red Keno does such a great job of serving all of us and the food is quite tasty. Thanks to Lorraine Smith and Colette Garton for organizing everything. I hope all of you are still working on the postcard challenges. Mine is still in the drafting stage. Looking forward to our guild member speakers, Janet Divis and Marlene Priessler's, presentation and their talents at our January 29th meeting. It's that time of the year to be thinking about officers and chairman to fill our steering committee. Please step forward and offer your talents and services to our guild. We have so many talented quilters out there that should step up and join in the FUN! Let any officer know your thoughts and we can find a perfect job for you. Have a healthy and prosperous new year.

Keep creating,
Anita Groh, President

Our Next Meeting,

Monday, January 29, Refreshments at 6:30pm, First Lutheran Church Fremont

Program: Janet Divis and Marlene Priessler, *How They Got Started Quilting Together*
Janet and Marlene are guild members and friends who have a great story about how they began quilting together. Janet is also going to talk about her applique technique.



Greeters: Sally Christiansen, Kathy Hartmann, Jan Zarestky

Hostesses: MaryLou Carlson, Julie Robinson, Cheryl Dickmeyer, Bert Cowles

Door Prizes: Lissa Braasch, MaryLou Carlson, Debra Schroeder, Loraine Smith, Teri Wolfe

Quilt Holders: Sally Christiansen, Kathy Hartmann, Karen Schliefert, Teri Wolfe

Snow Cancellations

If it snows and Fremont Public Schools is closed, we will not have a guild meeting. Information on meeting cancellations will also be sent out by email and posted on Facebook. If you have a question about a meeting being cancelled, you can always call an officer.



Community Service

BEST WISHES for you in 2024!

Our January Community Service collection is to benefit Thriftology once again. Again, paper products (paper towels, tissues) as well as cleaning products are requested. This is the second collection for Thriftology (this quilting year) as their needs continue. Look for the red wagon as well as the container to drop a bit of cash

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if you were unable to bring an item. Everyone we have served so far have been very grateful for the items received so **many thanks** to each of you for your contributions.

2024 Quilt Show Raffle Tickets

Members will pick up their raffle tickets for next year's quilt show at the January Meeting. Each member is asked to pick up a minimum of 10 tickets for \$20.00.

Post Card Challenge

This is a good year to get acquainted with a new member and be creative!! If you weren't at the meeting or didn't get a chance to sign up. Give either Marilyn (402-720-5713) or Tina (402-968-1452) a call and we will sign you up.

2024 Quilt Show Co-Chairs Needed!

All the slots for quilt chairs have been filled, but we need co-chairs. Please consider serving the guild by volunteering for one of the vacant positions. Contact the chair of the committee for more information or to sign up! Here's the list:

COMMITTEE

Publicity, Advertising, Signs
Quilt Check In and Check Out
Decorations
Quilt Labels and Signs for Quilts
Vendors
Hanging Quilts and Small Items
Quilt Mom and Raffle Ticket Sales
Kitchen
Reception for Featured Quilter
Admissions, Name Tag, Greeters
Silent Auction
Housekeeping
Parking

CHAIR

Deb Schroeder
Loraine Smith
Marilyn Bonow
Carroll Welte
Susan Williams
Janet Shamburg
LuAnn Franzluebbbers
Sue Arp
Sue Steier, Colette Garton
Anita Groh
Leslie Thompson
Marilyn Appleby
Pam Schroeder

CO-CHAIR

Jodie Reeh
Jill Norenberg

Theresa Winter

Danielle Smith
Nancy Hilgenkamp
Lisa Braasch
Sally Christiansen

Co-chairs work with the chair for the 2024 quilt show, learning the responsibilities for each committee. They will assume the chair position for the 2026 quilt show. A brief description of the responsibilities for the remaining positions follows:

- **Decorations:** Plans and gets supplies for decorating the outside and inside of the quilt area using the theme of the show.

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- **Quilt labels:** Design and creates small fabric label given to quilt owner when they pick up their quilt. These keepsake labels often have the show theme and date.
- **Hanging quilts:** Works with setting up of frames, gathers, and brings supplies for the hanging of large and small quilts. Lines up helpers to put up and take down. Works with check in/out person to take down and check out.
- **Quilt Mom:** Responsible for the raffle quilt once it is finished. Design raffle tickets, have them printed, and distribute to members. Arrange for quilt to travel to various places where it can be on display and tickets sold. Track and manage the ticket sales and money.
- **Housekeeping:** Keeping the quilt show tidy! Emptying trash, checking bathrooms for supplies needed, cleaning up spills etc.
- **Parking:** Designating parking areas for vendors and spectators. Arranging transportation to door for those needing extra assistance.

Sign-up sheet will be available at the January guild meeting. Thank you to everyone who has already volunteered to serve as chair or co-chair!

ECO Fair Save the Date!

Please mark Thursday, April 18th on your calendar. That is the day we participate in the Keep Fremont Beautiful ECO FAIR! Area fourth graders are bused to Christensen Field for an opportunity to see up close ways of recycling and repurposing. We help students make doggy chew toys from old t-shirts. Students can take theirs home or they can also donate it to our local FUREVER HOME animal shelter. We could use about 6-8 individuals to assist students so I will be looking for volunteers soon. Supplies are furnished. We just need someone who can braid and likes 4th graders!!!! Please contact me (Jill Norenberg) 402.721.0615 to volunteer or for further details.

Weave Our Gifts Together

February 11, 2024, at 3pm
Sinai Lutheran Church 950 E 8th in Fremont.

A celebration of creativity in fabric, music, and words. Scott has created eight new quilts for this event including a new sampler quilt. Features the Sinai Lutheran Choir & Recorder Ensemble, Organists Claire Bushong & David Schack, Deacon Karen Melang and the Plymouth Brass. Free admission with reception following.



International Quilt Museum Shows

World War I Quilts, the Sue Reich Collection now through April 13, 2024, in the Coryell Gallery

A New Deal for Quilts now through April 20, 2024, in the Gottsch Gallery

Multifaceted by Katie Pasquini Masopust now through May 4, 2024, in the Von Seggern Gallery.

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Guild Pictures

A great snowy day activity is looking at the neat photos on our web site. Photos from guild meetings, retreats and special events will bring back memories of fun times with friends.

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Prairie Piecemakers Treasurers Report

12/01-12/31/2023

Checking account Balance \$18,523.71

Income:

Total Income: \$.00

Expenses:

Retreat Refund \$45.00

Quilt show 2024 \$34.95

Total Expenses: \$79.95

Ending Balance-Checking \$18,443.76

Prairie Piecemakers Treasurers Report

11/01-11/30/2023

Checking account Balance \$19,996.16

Income:

Winter Retreat \$585.00

Insurance claim \$250.00

Total Income: \$835.00

Expenses:

Donation-Quilts of Valor \$500.00

Speakers \$817.28

Retreat Refund \$ 45.00

Yearbooks \$ 927.18

Misc. \$ 17.99

Total Expenses: \$2,307.45

Ending Balance-Checking \$18,523.71

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Guild Meeting Minutes

Monday, Nov. 27, 2023

Business meeting called to order by motion from Sandy Snodgrass. (Motion seconded but person's name did not get recorded.) Motion to approve October's minutes made by Danielle Smith, seconded by Sherry Mason. Motion to approve treasurer's report by Lisa Braasch, seconded by Kathy Hartmann.

- 64 attendees at meeting, 2 guests
- Reminder to group about inclement weather procedures.
- Almost 50 people have signed up for the December Christmas meeting. Can sign up until the Friday before. If you are participating in the mini exchange, do not wrap the mini.
- A Sioux City artist will be covering an entire building with fabric next summer. Fabric is being solicited for this project.
- Co-chairs are still needed for the 2024 and 2026 quilt shows. Contact Sue Augustin or Pat Mommsen if interested.
- Reminder of the garage sale at the meeting in April 2024. Price everything to sell!
- For new business, a bed turning will be done in summer 2024 at the May Museum Flower Garden. Great opportunity to see quilts displayed in a unique manner. Contact Anita Groh if interested in helping with this.
- During the January meeting, raffle tickets for the quilt show will be available to guild members. Guild members plan on bringing \$20 to the January meeting to pick up your packet of tickets.
- Thanks to everyone that brought donations. The wagon is overflowing. Also, thanks to the hostesses for the wonderful spread.

Motion by Marilyn Bonow, seconded by Burt Cowles to adjourn.

Karen Schleifert, Secretary

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